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COMMISSION ON OVERSEAS CHINESE AFFAIRS
BIDS FOR ACTIVE SUPPORT

SEEKS DIRECT LIAISON -- Ch'uan Min Pao, 29 Dec 49

News from Pei-p'ing, of 28 December, reveals that the Commission on Overseas Chinese Affairs has issued a circular letter to overseas Chinese, especially those of Southeast Asia who are being deplorably mistreated, summoning them to establish direct relationship with the Central People's government.

The letter, which was sent to organizations, newspapers, schools, etc., expressed a hope that overseas Chinese will render extensive propaganda services for the committee, as it seeks to investigate and study the conditions of overseas Chinese.

EDITOR CALLS FOR COOPERATION WITH COMMISSION -- Ch'uan Min Pao, 29 Dec 49

The bid from the newly established Central People's government, which urges the dissemination of propaganda and the establishment of working relations with the Commission on Overseas Chinese Affairs, deserves the acceptance of all overseas Chinese. For many decades, we have occupied an inferior position abroad and lacked support from China. Our fate was a day-to-day existence filled with hardships. We endured it with patience and silence, but now the times have changed. The Central People's government is the people's own government, and its actions are based on the popular will. The Commission on Overseas Chinese Affairs is an important part of the Central People's government. Under its care, overseas Chinese need never again suffer abuse and maltreatment. To insure success in the execution of its duties, the Commission requires the wholehearted support of all overseas Chinese.

We hope that every overseas Chinese and every Chinese organization and newspaper abroad will answer this call. Let us exert our efforts to establish liaison with new China. Let us submit our ideas and opinions so that our lot may be changed for the better.

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A persistent conclusion among overseas Chinese in Thailand is that a broad general organization of overseas Chinese, representing every group and class, is urgently needed to maintain direct liaison with the Commission on Overseas Chinese Affairs. Through such an agency overseas Chinese investment in heavy and light industries, improvement in Sino-Thai trade, additional overseas Chinese schools, and prevention of maltreatment of overseas Chinese could be arranged. Through this agency, also, the overseas Chinese community may receive information and clarification of the various Central People's government laws, its administrative record, and of its effort to serve the people.

Overseas Chinese responded enthusiastically when it was made known that the commission sought their cooperation and aid in an attempt to understand and remedy their situation. It was learned from many Chinese that they had long cherished such hopes. Since the local authorities had announced that overseas Chinese activities would bear watching because diplomatic relations with new China were not yet determined, it had been anticipated that their sufferings would increase. Now however, overseas Chinese look forward to the time when they can not only speak out confidently and publicly, but may also organize tours to China. Trips of this nature would be known as the Thailand Overseas Chinese China Sightseeing Group.

COMMISSION ORGANIZES RETURNING CHINESE -- Ch'uan Min Pao, 23 Dec 49

Swatow -- The Association of Overseas Chinese Returned From the South Seas (Nga Yang Kuei-ch'iao Lien-ho Hui) was organized on 3 November when 22 overseas Chinese met with the Commission on Overseas Chinese Affairs. The aim of the group is to protect the rights of overseas Chinese. Wu Kan (Ueda: 1207,803) was elected president. A preparatory committee composed of the following numbers was formed: Thailand and Malaya, 6 each; Viet Nam, 5; Indonesia 2; Burma, 2; Philippine Islands, 1. Membership is open to all Overseas Chinese.

The association was formed after representatives from Thailand, Malaya, Viet Nam, and Indonesia discussed the distressing conditions of overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia. They reported how provoked by the British, American, and French imperialism, group after group of Chinese has been expelled, and how the intrigues of Chiang Kai-shek's bandits have made the protection of overseas Chinese lives and property difficult. Amid these daily increasing troubles, the overseas Chinese look toward the Central People's government for protection.

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